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THE

True Protestant Account

OF THE

Burning of *LONDON*,

OR, AN

Antidote,

Against the

POYSON and MALIGNITY

Of a Late

Lying LEGEND,

ENTITULED,

An Account of the Burning of LONDON, &c.

Wherein the *Malice* and *Falshood* of that Mercenary Tool of a *POPISH FACTION* are detected, and the Truth soundly prov'd; *Viz.* That it was those Firebrands of HELL, the Blood-Thirsty PAPISTS, and none but They, who were the Sole Authors and Promoters of that Great and Dreadful FIRE of *LONDON* in 1666. And of several others since.

To which is further added,

Such a very Curious and Useful Discovery of many Others of their Monstrous and Detestable Villanies, and of their Arts and Shifts to hide them, and to cast them upon the PROTESTANTS: As the like was never before Published in so small a Volume.

Also for your Diversion, there is inserted in the Conclusion, their Spiteful Manner of Cursing an Heretick, (*i. e.*) Protestant out of the *CHURCH*, with *Bell*, *Book* and *Candle*.

The Whole being very Useful for the Informarion and Satisfaction of all *True Protestants*; and fit to be kept in all *Protestant Families*.

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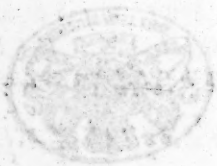

THE PREFACE TO THE READER.

Courteous READER,

IT *will be neceſſary before I begin the following Narrative; to acquaint you with the Occaſion of its Publication at this time: Know therefore, that there hath been lately Publiſhed, a baſe and ſcandalous Pamphlet, Entituled* An Account of the Burning of London, *&c. The Author and Promoters whereof, being endued with a prodigious Stock of Impudence, are not aſhamed to pretend to prove, that the* Papiſts *had no Hand in Burning the City of* London, *by that great and dreadful Fire in* 1666. *This Book is recommended to all thoſe who Annually keep the Faſt appointed for the* 2*d. of* September, *that they may not mock God, nor entertain Notions concerning the Fire, contrary to the Truth of Fact.*

Now, *it ſhall be my Care and Buſineſs in the following Narrative, to detect and diſcover the Falſhood and Knavery of thoſe ſophiſtical Suggeſtions and Inſinuations.*

Secondly, *Abundantly ſhew, that there is no Weight nor Worth in his pretended* Authentick Accounts; *nor any regard juſtly due to any of them all.*

Thirdly, *Prove, that no* Proteſtant *whatſoever had any Hand in that great and dreadful Fire of* London.

Fourthly, *Soundly prove, from unexceptionable Evidence and Authority, that it was thoſe Blood-thirſty Monſters the* Papiſts, *and none but they, who were the ſole Authors of that moſt diſmal Tragedy.*

Fifthly, *Shew, that during that diſmal Fire, they had a great Number of Agents and Emiſſaries employed to promote and carry on the Fire; and others employed the ſame time to rob and ſteal all they could from the poor diſtreſſed Sufferers: And that they ſtole at that time, to the Value of* 14000 *Pounds worth of Goods, and alſo where they hid them.*

Sixthly, *Further ſhew, that it was the ſame Firebrands of Hell the Bloody* Papiſts, *who were the Authors of that great Fire in* Southwark *on* May *the* 26th, 1676, *and that they ſtole at that Fire, to the value of* 2000 *Pounds worth of Goods from the poor diſtreſſed Sufferers; and that they have been the Authors of many Fires ſince, in and about the Cities of* London *and* Weſtminſter *and the Borough of* Southwark.

Seventhly, *I ſhall lay before you, the Rules and Inſtructions, which they give their Agents and Emiſſaries to be obſerved in firing any Place, and how to carry it on in the moſt deſtructive Manner.*

Eighthly, *You have an Account of the Manner of the Murder of that worthy* Proteſtant Magiſtrate, *Sir* Edmondbury Godfrey; *and the Inſtructions they gave their Agents to report that he murdered himſelf.*

Ninthly, *You have the Form of their bloody Oath of Secreſy, which they take when they engage in any of their helliſh Attempts. And*

Tenthly, *An Account of many more of their barbarous Cruelties, and other Tragical Villanies, rarely to be found elſewhere: And for your Diverſion, there is added for a Concluſion, the Form of the* Papiſts *Curſing an Heretick out of the Church with* Bell, Book *and* Candle.

THE

THE

True *Proteſtant Account*

OF THE

BURNING

OF

LONDON, &c.

IT would fill ſeveral of the largeſt Folio Volumes that ever was written, particularly to relate all the private *Treaſons*, and open *Rebellions*, general *Maſſacres*, and private *Murders*, by *Poyſoned Daggers*, and *Conſecrated Knives*; all the *Burnings* of *Proteſtant Cities*, and of *Proteſtant Martyrs*; their *Gun-Powder Plots*, and *Spaniſh Invaſions*, and innumerable other monſtrous and deteſtable Villanies of *Popiſh Prieſts* and their *Vile Incendiaries*, in order to extirpate the True PROTESTANT RELIGION, and all the Profeſſors thereof: But yet not-

notwithſtanding our *Martyrologies* and other *Church Hiſtories* abound with the moſt numerous and Authentic Accounts of theſe Things, yet have they ſtill the Impudence, by innumerable Lies and Oaths, and other deviliſh Arts, always to endeavour to caſt off the Odium of all their Villanies from HOLY CHURCH, and to lay it upon the *Proteſtants*; and ſometimes on thoſe very Perſons or Parties, which they had barbarouſly Murdered or otherwiſe Ruined before: Thus when they had moſt inhumanly murder'd that brave *Proteſtant Magiſtrate* of this City Sir *Edmundbury Godfrey*, their next Care was immediately to invent a plauſible Report how he had murdered himſelf, of which more afterwards; ſo in this very Caſe here before us, when they had well nigh laid in Aſhes this *Proteſtant City* of *London*, how indefatigable were they in their Endeavours, to remove the Odium of it from themſelves, to whom alone it juſtly belonged, and to caſt it upon innocent Perſons; pretending ſometimes, that it was owing only to the Providence of God, and at other times, that it was done by *French Hugonots* from abroad, or by the *Fanaticks* at Home, even juſt as their Father the Devil put it into their Heads: But how ſurprizingly ſtrange is it, that now 54 Years after it was done, they ſhould be at their old Game again, employing their Mercenary Tools to clear them of this heavy Charge, which they are conſcious to themſelves that they are moſt deeply guilty of.

THUS their Tool the Author of the *Account of the Burning of* LONDON, &c. endeavours to prove, by the *Account Publiſhed by ſpecial Authority of King and Counſel*, in the *Gazette* of *Monday September* the 10*th* 1666, and by the *Account of Dr. Kennet*, the preſent Biſhop of *Peterborough* gives of

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it in his *Hiſtory of England*, and by the *Account* that *Dr. Eachard Arch-Deacon* of *Stow* gives of it in his *Hiſtory of England*, and by the *Propheſy* of *Thomas Ebbit a Quaker*, and alſo by a *Form of Prayer*, formerly appointed by the *Church* to be uſed on that Day: By all theſe Authorities he endeavours to prove, that the *Papiſts* had no hand in the Burning of *London*; Now then I ſhall carefully examine each of theſe Authorities in their Order, but I cannot repeat each of theſe *Accounts* at full length, but muſt refer you to the Book it ſelf: I ſhall only take Notice, (and which you will find to be true) That the *Account Publiſhed by Authority* in the *Gazette*, doth no where ſay, either that the *Papiſts* did, or that they did not Fire the City; neither indeed could they inſert ſuch a Thing in favour of the *Papiſts* at that Time of the Day, when ſo many Thouſands were Eye Witneſſes that they did it; Neither if they had, would they have been proper Evidences for them, both the King and the Duke of *York* being *Papiſts*; That the Duke of *York* was a Bigotted *Papiſt*, every body knows, that King *Charles* was a *Papiſt*, I prove thus, *Firſt*, It was one of the Articles of the Marriage Covenant, between their Father K. *Charles* the Firſt, and the Princeſs *Henrietta Maria* of *France* her Mother, that the Children which ſhould be born of this Marriage, ſhould be nouriſhed and brought up in the *Roman Catholick* Religion by their Mother, 'till the Age of Thirteen Years, which was the reaſon we had ſuch a *Catholick Breed*: And that King *Charles* liv'd and dy'd a *Papiſt*, I prove from the Biſhop of *Ely*'s Sermon, preach'd at *Ely* Houſe Chappel, *June* 7, 1716. Pag. 14. Who there affirms that King *Charles* the Second, lived a ſecret, and dy'd a profeſs'd *Papiſt*: From all which I juſtly infer, that both

both becauſe that Account publiſhed by Authority ſaith nothing of the *Papiſts*, and becauſe the King (by whoſe Authority it was publiſh'd) was a *Papiſt*: It cannot in the leaſt ſerve to clear the *Papiſts* of that heavy Charge of *Burning the City of London*, And thus having caſhier'd them from all manner of Succour from the King's Account; I ſhall next proceed to examine the *Accounts* given by the *Prieſts*; and firſt the *Account* given by the Biſhop, who having firſt related part of the 'foremention'd *Account* given by *Authority*, he immediately proceeds to relate the upper part of the Inſcription engraven on the Monument, which giveth an Account of the Damage done by the Fire, as that there was burnt 89 Churches, 400 Streets, 13200 Houſes, *&c.* Thus he gives a very particular Account of the Damage done by the Fire, but when he is come to the lower Part of the Inſcription, which gives an Account who ſet the City on Fire, there the Biſhop ſtops ſhort, and relates not one Word of that, which baſe piece of Partiality very ill becomes any Hiſtorian, but much more a Biſhop, and gives juſt Cauſe to ſuſpect that he had no mind to find the Bill of Indictment againſt his old Friends.

BUT ſince the good Biſhop had the Misfortune to overlook the lower Part of the Inſcription, my *Proteſtant Readers* ſhall have it here *verbatim*, which is this; *This Pillar was ſet up in perpetual Remembrance of the dreadful Burning of this City, begun and carried on by the Treachery and Malice of the* Popiſh Faction, *in the Beginning of* September 1666, *for the better carrying on the horrid Plot, for Extirpating the* PROTESTANT RELIGION *and* OLD ENGLISH LIBERTIES: Where Note, That in the *Popiſh* Reign of King *James* the Second, this was Eraſed out; but in the Beginning

ginning of the *Proteſtant* Reign of King *William*, it was renewed again.

" Now various were the Conjectures (continues " the Biſhop) how this Fire began; ſome looked " upon it to be the Hand of God upon a wicked " City; and ſome ſaid it was contrived and car- " ried on by the *Papiſts*, which was offered to be " made appear in the *Popiſh Plot*:" Now obſerve, That the Biſhop owns here, that ſome ſaid, that this Fire was contrived and carried on by the *Papiſts*, and that this was offered to be made appear in the *Popiſh Plot*; but why was it not done, what hinder'd? Why, truly becauſe, *Papiſts* and *Popiſh Counſels* Ruled all at Court; and they were reſolv'd to favour the Papiſts in all their Villanies, and if poſſible to caſt the Odium of it on the Proteſtants, either at Home or Abroad, as will be fully made appear in the following Pages.

But further the Biſhop tells us, " That there " was but one tried for it at the *Old Baily*, his " Name was *Robert Hubert*, a *French Hugonot* of " *Rhoan* in *Normandy*; " But, by the Biſhop's good Leave, who was willing to give in his Evidence againſt the *French* Proteſtants, we are aſſured in the Report of Sir *Robert Brook* Chair-Man to the Committee, that this *Robert Hubert* was a Papiſt, and died ſo.

Page 5. Alſo the Biſhop owns, that the *Commons* reſolving to examine *Hubert* upon the Matter; but the next Day *Hubert* was Hang'd before the Houſe ſat, and ſo could tell no further Tales; which gives us another Inſtance of Popiſh Cruelty: Firſt, to employ a wretched Villain to execute their Deviliſh Deſigns, and then, when taken in it, to Hang him ſuddenly, that he may not diſcover their Roguery.

FURTHER the Biſhop tells us, in his *Account*, " of Eight Men who had been formerly Officers " or Soldiers in the great Rebellion, who were " Tryed, Convicted and Executed, for Conſpiring " the Death of his Majeſty, and ſubverting of " the Government, in order whereunto the City " was to be ſet on Fire on *September* the Third."

And Dr. *Eachard's Account* is in General near the very ſame; Both quoting for their Author a *Gazette* Publiſhed by Authority *Monday April* 30. 1666, which amuſeth us with an Account of a Counſel who ſat here in *London*, to give Direction to the Conſpirators, and this Committee in *London* received their Directions from another in *Holland* who ſat with the *States*, &c. So that it ſeems it was the *States* of *Holland*, who were the Projectors and Directors of that Plot, according to *Account* Publiſhed by our Popiſh Court at that Time; which was a fine Popiſh Figment for a Proteſtant Biſhop and an Arch-Deacon to Copy after.

BUT from this, our Author Pag. 21 Triumphantly concludes; That this being the *Account* as Publiſhed by Authority, the Fire rather appears to have been the Work of thoſe *Elder Brethren in Iniquity* the *Fanaticks*, if any Human Means at all contrived it, which I ſhall ſoon enquire into.

BUT here *Courteous Reader*, I muſt beg Leave to Digreſs a little, that I may addreſs my ſelf to our *Holy Father* the POPE, of whom with moſt humble Submiſſion, I Crave, That his *Holineſs* would be pleaſed, at the next Promotion of *Cardinals*, to preſent my *Lord Biſhop* and *Mr. Arch-Deacon*, (each One) with a moſt ſumpteous *Cardinal's Cap*, as a Reward, for the Signal Services they have done to the *Holy Roman Catholick Cauſe*, in giving ſuch a favourable *Account* of their Conduct,

duct, with reſpect to the Great and Dreadful Fire of *LONDON.*

THUS having for the preſent diſmiſt both the King, and the Prieſts, I ſhall next proceed to the Prophet Honeſt *Thomas Ebbit* the Quaker; who (as our Author ſaith Pag. 30) being moved of the Lord, came out of *Huntingtonſhire* in great Haſte to *London*, to propheſie the Burning of the City, and arrived here a conſiderable Time before the Fire began; but what of all that, I cannot find, that the Prophet *Thomas* undertakes to foretel who was to do it; whether God or Man, Papiſt or Hugonot, and therefore I think, that neither *Ebbit* the Prophet, nor *Keimer* the Enthuſiaſt, are worth taking any further Notice of: And therefore, now for a Word or two to the Form of PRAYER Appointed for the Second of *September.*

OF which our Judicious *Author* ſaith, Pag. 32, That 'tis evident our *Church* in her *Service* appointed for that Day, doth as it were vindicate the Papiſts from being concerned in it; but how, I have carefully peruſed it, and I am ſure that it ſaith nothing of them, directly nor indirectly, and ſurely a Dumb Witneſs proves nothing: And now you ſee, I have faithfully examined all the Witneſſes, which I find to be five in Number, (*i. e.*) the King, the two Prieſts, the Prophet and the Church; and not one of theſe do any where ſay, that the Papiſts did not ſet the City of *London* on Fire, nor that they had no Hand in it; and then, what an Abandoned Wretch was this *Author* to endeavour to defend a Cauſe, that not one Man, (tho' never ſo much a Well-wiſher to it) durſt for Shame to own or appear in it; And what a moſt wretched Cauſe muſt that be, that

could be no otherwiſe be defended, but by a lying Tongue and a brazen Face.

THE next Thing I propoſed to do, was to prove, That no Proteſtant whatſoever had any Hand in that Great and Dreadful Fire of *London*, but becauſe this Thing is ſelf evident, and becauſe it will be fully proved by Conſequence under the next Head; I ſhall now proceed to that, which is, Soundly to prove from unexceptionable Evidence and Authority, that thoſe Firebrands of Hell the Blood-thirſty Papiſts, and none but they, were the ſole Authors of that moſt diſmal Tragedy: For it was a Maxim obſerved amongſt the Leading *Roman Bonefire Gentlemen*, that until that City *(LONDON)* was Ruined or brought Low, it was impoſſible but all their Attempts *on this Nation* muſt prove *Abortive*; therefore *how* vigorouſly and unweariedly have they endeavoured this.

THEREFORE (ſaith a worthy Author) let the Remembrance of SIXTY SIX be Engraven in indelible Characters on the Hearts of Poſterity, to make them abhor POPERY, and deteſt ſuch vile *Incendiaries*; let it remain a Monument of Gratitude to God, of Caution to *England*, and of Shame to *Rome*: I ſhall now proceed, and Firſt, I ſhall give you a true Account of the incredible Damage done by the Fire; and Secondly prove who ſet the City on Fire. The *Firſt*, extracted from the Certificates of the Surveyors, ſoon after appointed to Survey the Ruins whereby it appeareth;

THAT the Fire that began in *London* upon the Second of *September* 1666, at one Mr. *Farryner*'s Houſe a Baker in *Pudding-Lane*, between the Hours of one and two in the Morning, and continued burning until the Sixth of that Month, did overun the ſpace of 373 Acres within the Walls

of

of the City of *London*, and 63 Acres and 3 Roods without the Walls; there remained 75 Acres 3 Roods ſtanding within the Walls unburnt, 89 Pariſh Churches, beſides Chappels burnt, 11 Pariſhes within the Walls ſtanding, Houſes burnt, 13200, *Jonas Moore*, *Ralph Gatrix*, Surveyors.

UPON the Eighteenth of the ſame *September*, the Parliament came together, and upon the 25*th* of the ſame Month the *Houſe of Commons* appointed a Committee, to enquire into the Cauſes of the late Fire, before whom the following Informations were given in, and proved before the Committe; as by their Report will more clearly appear bearing Date the 22*d.* of *January* 166$\frac{6}{7}$, but upon the 8*th.* of *February* following, the Parliament was Prorogued, before they came to give their Judgment thereupon.

THE Order of the Houſe for the *Committee*, *Die Martis* 25 *Septembris* 1666, 18 *Car.* 2.

Reſolved,

That a *Committee* be Appointed to enquire into the Cauſes of the late Fire, and that it be referred, to

Sir

Sir *Charles Harboard*
Mr. *Sandys*
Col. *Birch*
Sir *Robert Brook*
Sir *Thomas Littleton*
Mr. *Prin*
Mr. *Jones*
Sir *Solomon Swale*
Sir *Thomas Tomlins*
Mr. *Seymour*
Mr. *Finch*
Lord *Herbert*
Sir *John Heath*
Mr. *Millward*
Sir *Richard Ford*
Mr. *Robert Millward*
Sir *William Lowther*
Sir *Richard Vatly*
Sir *Rowland Beckley*
Sir *Thomas Allen*
Mr. *Whorwood*
Mr. *Coventry*
Sergeant *Maynard*
Sir *Joseph Talbot*
Mr. *Morley*
Mr. *Garraway*
Sir *Francis Goodwick*
Col. *Strangways*
Sir *Edward Massey*
Sir *Edmund Walpole*
Sir *Robert Atkins*
Sir *Thomas Gower*
Mr. *Trevor*
Sir *Thomas Clifford*
Sir *Henry Cesar*
Sir *John Monson*
Sir *John Charlton*
Lord *Ancram*
Mr. *Pepis*
Sir *Richard Everard*
Mr. *Crouch*
Mr. *Merril*
Sir *William Hickman*
Sir *Richard Brown*
Mr. *Maynard*

And they are to meet, to Morrow at two of the Clock in the Afternoon, in the *Speaker*'s Chamber, and to send for Persons, Papers and Records.

William Goldesborough Cler. Dom. Com.

October 9 1666.

Ordered,

That these Members following be added to the *Committee* appointed to enquire into the Causes of the Late Fire, *viz.* Sir *John Pelham*, Mr. *Hugh Boscawen*, Mr. *Giles Hungerford*, Sir *William Lewis*, Sir *Gilbert* Ger-

Gerrard, Sir *John Brampſton*, Mr. *Milward*, Mr. *Boſcawen*, and all the Members that ſerve for the City of *London*.

W. Goldeſborough, Cler. Dom. Com.

October 16 1666.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Davis*, Sir *Thomas Higgins*, Mr. *St. John*, Sir *Richard Franklin*, Sir *Thomas Tomkins*, Mr. *Devereux*, Mr. *Milliard*, Mr. *Lewis*, Mr. *Dowdſwell*, Sir *James Thyn*, Sir *Edmund Pierſe*, Mr. *Coleman*, Sir *Thomas Allen*, Mr. *Giles Hungerford*, Mr. *Churchill*, to be added to the Committee appointed to enquire into the Cauſes of the Late Fire.

W. Goldeſborough, Cler. Dom. Com.

THE Honourable Committee according to the aforementioned Orders of the Houſe did meet in the *Speaker*'s Chamber, and having choſen Sir *Robert Brook* for their Chairman, proceeded to receive many conſiderable Informations, from divers credible Perſons, about the Matter wherewith they were intruſted; and thereupon did at laſt agree, that Sir *Robert Brook* ſhould make the enſuing *Report* to the *Honourable Houſe of Commons*.

The Report of Sir Robert Brook, *Chair-Man to the* Committee *that was appointed by the Houſe of Commons to enquire into the Firing of the* City of LONDON; *made the* 22*d of* January 166⅚.

THAT in a Letter from *Alanſon* of the 23*d* of *Auguſt* 1666, *N. S.* Written from one *Dural*, to a Gentleman Lodging in the Houſe of one of the Miniſters of the *French* Church in *London*, call'd *Monſieur Herault*; there were theſe Expreſſions;

preſſions; *Pray acquaint me with the Truth of certain News, which is common in this* Country, *that a Fire from Heaven is fallen upon a* City *call'd* Belke, *ſituate on the Side of the* River of Thames, *where a World of People have been killed and burnt, and Houſes alſo conſumed:* Which ſeemeth a Word of Cabal, caſt out by ſome that were knowing, and taken up by others, that might be ignorant of the Signification of it.

Mrs. *Elizabeth Styles* Informs, That in *April* laſt, in an eager Diſcourſe ſhe had with a *Frenchman*, Servant of Sir *Vere Fan*, he haſtily replied; *You* Engliſh Maids *will like the* Frenchmen *better, when there is not a Houſe left between* Temple-Bar *and* London-Bridge: To which ſhe anſwered, I hope your Eyes will never ſee that; He replied, *This will come to paſs between* June *and* October.

William Tiſdale informs, That he being about the beginning of *July* at the *Grey-hound* in St. *Martins* with one *Fitz Harris* an *Iriſh* Papiſt, heard him ſay; *That there would be a ſad Deſolation in* September, *in* November *a worſe, in* December *all would be united into One*; Whereupon he asked him where this Deſolation would be, He anſwered, *in London.*

Mr. *Light* of *Ratcliff* having ſome Diſcourſe with Mr. *Langhorn* of the *Middle Temple Barriſter*, (reputed a zealous Papiſt, and ſince Condemned for High Treaſon) about *February* 1665, after ſome Diſcourſe in Diſputation about Religion, he took him by the Hand, and ſaid to him; *You expect great Things in* 66, *and think that* Rome *will be deſtroy'd, but what if it be* London.

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Mr. *Kitely* of *Barkin* in *Eſſex* Informs, That One Mrs. *Tazly* a Papiſt, of *Ilford* in the ſaid County came into his Houſe *Aug.* 13, and being in Diſcourſe with his Mother; ſaid, *They ſay the next* Thurſday *will be the hotteſt Day that ever was in* England, ſhe replyed, I hope the hotteſt Seaſon of the Year is now paſt; to which ſhe anſwered, *I know not whether it will be the hotteſt for Weather or for Action*, &c.

William Ducket Eſq; a Member of this Houſe Informs, That One *Henry Baker* of *Chippenham* in the County of *Wilts*, coming from Market with One *John Woodman* of *Kelloway* in the ſame County, the *Thurſday* before the Fire began in *London*, they had ſome Diſcourſe about buying a Yoke of fat Bullocks, wherein they Differ'd, becauſe *Woodman* who was to ſell them, was deſired to keep them a-while in his Hands, but the ſaid *Woodman* denyed ſo to do, for that as he alledged he could not ſtay in the Country till that Time, which *Baker* would have them deliver'd to him in; and being asked whither he was going, he refus'd to tell; asking what he had to do, to ask that Queſtion, but Riding a little further, the ſaid *Woodman* expreſt theſe Words: *You are brave Blades at* Chippenham, *You made Bonefires lately for beating the* Dutch, *but ſince you delight in Bonefires, you ſhall have your Bellies full of them e're it be long*; adding, *that if he lived one Week longer, he ſhould ſee* London, *as ſad a* London, *as ever it was ſince the World began: and in ſome ſhort Time after, he ſhould ſee as bloody a Time as ever was ſince* England *was* England, *&c.*

Robert Hubert of *Rhoan* in *Normandy*, who acknowledg'd, that he was one of theſe that fired the Houſe of Mr. *Farryner* the Baker in *Pudding-*

Lane, from whence the Fire had its Beginning; Confeſſed " That he came out of *France* with One " *Stephen Piedelou*, about Four Months before the " Fire, and went into *Sweden* with him, where he " ſtay'd with him about Four Months, and then " they came to *England* together, in a *Sweediſh* " Ship call'd the *Skipper*, where he ſtaid on Board " with the ſaid *Piedelou* till that *Saturday* Night in " which the Fire broke out, when *Piedelou* taking " him out of the Ship, carried him into *Pudding-* " *Lane*, where he put a Fire Ball at the end of a " long Pole, and lighting it with a Piece of " Match, he put it in at a Window, and ſtay'd till " he ſaw the Houſe in a Flame: He Confeſſed " that there were Twenty three Accomplices, where- " of *Piedlou* was Chief.

Mr. *Graves* a *French* Merchant living in St. *Mary Axe*, Informed this Committee, That he had known *Hubert* ever ſince he was Four Years old, and hath ever obſerved him to be a Perſon of a miſchievous Inclination, and therefore fit for any villainous Enterprize; and becauſe of the Knowledge he had of him, he went to viſit him in Priſon, where when he ſaw him, he could not but commiſerate his Condition, and for his better Diſcovery of the Fact; he told *Hubert*, that he did not believe he had done that, of which he had Confeſſed himſelf Guilty: To which *Hubert* reply'd, *Yes Sir, I am Guilty of it, and have been brought to it, by the Inſtigation of* Monſieur Piedelou, *but not out of any Malice to the* Engliſh Nation, *but from a Deſire of Reward, which he promiſed me upon my Return to* France, *&c.*

A Letter from a Perſon of Credit, to Sir Robert Brook *Chair-Man of the Committee.*

SIR,

HEaring that you are Chair-Man to the Committee for Examining the Firing of *London*, I thought good to acquaint you with this Information that I have receiv'd, as follows.

" *William Champneys* a *Hatband-maker* now living " upon *Horſley-down*, was upon *Tueſday* Morning " *Sept.* 4. 1666, in *Shoe-lane*, and there met with " a Conſtable who had apprehended a *Frenchman*, " whom he took firing a Houſe there with Fire-" Balls, and charged the ſaid *Champneys* to aſſiſt " him, who carryed the ſaid *Frenchman* to *Saliſbu-" ry Court*, hoping there to have found a Juſtice, but " finding that Place burning down, returned into " *Fleet-ſtreet*, who was preſently call'd upon by the " Commander of the Life-Guards to know what " the Matter was; the Conſtable told him, that " he had apprehended a *Frenchman* firing a Houſe " in *Shoe-lane*; then the ſaid Commander exa-" mined the Priſoner, and committed him to the " Guard, and told the Conſtable, he would ſe-" cure him, and he carryed him along with him; " the Conſtable ask'd the Commander of the Guards " whether he ſhould go along with him to give " in his Evidence; he replyed, that he had done e-" nough and might go Home, but what became " of the *Frenchman* he knoweth not. "

Your humble Servant, S. G.

In a Letter from Ipſwich *directed for the Honourable* Sir Robert Brook, *&c. It is Intimated,*

THAT about the 30*th* of *Auguſt* 1666, one of the Conſtables of *Cotton* in *Hartſmire* Hundred, being about the Survey of that Town, concerning *Hearth-money*, he was told by Mr. *William Thompſon* a *Roman* Catholick of that Town; That tho' Times were like to be ſad, yet if he found any Cauſe to change his Religion, he would ſee he ſhould not want; and further ſaid to him, *What will you ſay if you hear that* London is burnt.

Here follows the *Affidavits* of *Richard Bound* of St. *Giles*'s in the *Fields Ironmonger*, and of 11 others, taken the 8*th* Day of *September* 1666, before Sir *Juſtinian Lewen* Knight, One of his Majeſty's *Juſtices of the Peace* for the County of *Middleſex*; concerning a *Frenchman* Apprehended the *Tueſday Night*, who Confeſſed that there were 300 *Frenchmen* that were in a Plot or Conſpiracy to fire the City: But this and very many others, for Brevity ſake I muſt omit.

A True Relation from Eſſex.

Saturday *Sept.* 1, 1666.

THE Day before the Fire in *London*, came one *Urmſtraw* from *Ireland*, with a Letter from thence to Eſq; *Holcroft* of *Eaſt Ham* in *Eſſex*, *(he being Related to that Family by Marriage)* where he Supped, and after Supper he asked the Eſq; if he had heard any Thing of the firing of *London*; who anſwered, No: But *Urmſtraw* ſaid, he would ſhortly, for it was done, or would be ſo that Night; the Eſq; anſwer'd, if it were, he hoped it might be Quenched again, as it had been many a Time; but *Urmſtraw* anſwered, No, it would not be Quenched, for it ſhould be ſaid

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of it, as of TROY, Repeating a *Latin* Verſe :

Nunc Seges eſt ubi Troja fuit

That now Corn grows where *Troy* ſtood ;

This Diſcourſe was managed pleaſantly by him, after which they went to their Beds, and in the Morning this *Urmſtraw* enquires earneſtly, whether they had heard of the firing of *London* that Night ; they anſwer'd, No : Then he prayed them to ſend out one of the Family to enquire, and doubtleſs they would hear of it ; upon which a Meſſenger was ſent, who brought in Word, from a Man that travelled upon the Road, that it was on fire indeed : After Dinner this *Urmſtraw* deſires his Horſe to be *Saddled* that he might be gone, the Eſq; intreated him to ſtay till next Morning, but he anſwered, *If I ſhould ſtay, I ſhould ſleep no more this Night than I did the laſt, therefore I would go ſee* London *before it is quite burned, for I ſhall never ſee it more.*

Here follows a true Relation, made by One of the Grand-Jury *at* Hicks's-Hall, *at a* General Quarter Seſſions, *preſently after the Fire of* London.

THAT in *Cheek-lane* near *Weſt-Smithfield*, there was a Man taken in the very Act of firing a Houſe by the Neighbours, and carrying him through *Smithfield*, to have him before a Juſtice, the King's Life-Guard perceiving it, made up unto them, and demanded their Priſoner from them, but they refuſed to let him go, the Life Guard-man told them, that he was one of the King's Servants, and ſaid, We will have him, and thereupon drew out their Swords and Piſtols, and reſcued him out of the People's Hands by Force.

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In the Time of the Fire, a Conſtable took a *Frenchman* firing a Houſe, he ſeized on him, and going to a Magiſtrate with him, met his *Royal Highneſs* the Duke of *York*, who asked him the reaſon of the Tumult; one told him, that a *Frenchman* was taken firing a Houſe; his *Highneſs* call'd for the Man, who ſpake to him in *French*, the Duke ask'd who would atteſt it; the Conſtable ſaid, I took him in the Act, and I will atteſt it; the Duke took him into his Cuſtody, and ſaid, I will ſecure him; but he was never heard of no more.

On *Monday* the 3*d*. of *September*, there was a *Frenchman* taken firing a Houſe, and upon ſearching of him, Fire-balls were found about him, at which time 4 of the Life-Guards reſcued the Frenchman from the People, after the uſual Manner in the whole Time of the Fire.

I Deſire my *Readers* to take Notice, That tho' I have here given you but Fourteen of the *Depoſitions* and *Informations* that was given in, or ſent to Sir *Robert Brook* Chairman to the *Committee*; yet they are in all near Fifty, and ſome of them very large, as any one may ſee in the the *Book of Reports*, ſo that it was impoſſible to inſert them all here: And now give me leave, to make Two or Three uſeful Obſervations, before I proceed to the next Head, as;

Firſt, That you find by the foregoing *Accounts*, that not only Honeſt *Thomas Ebbit* the *Quaker*, was endued with the *Spirit of Propheſie on this Occaſion*; but the Whole Swarm of thoſe Locuſts and Caterpillars the *Romiſh Jeſuites*, *Prieſts*, and the reſt of their *Accomplices*, were able to *Propheſie* beforehand, that it ſhould be, and ſome of them to tell the very Day.

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Secondly, You find, That it was not the *States of Holland*, that projected and guided this *Damnable Deſign*; according to the POPISH Figment, that our then Court was pleaſed to publiſh in their *Gazette*, of *April* 30 1666.

Thirdly, That it was neither *French Hugonots*, nor *Engliſh Fanaticks*, that begun and carryed on that Dreadful Fire; and that it was not the Council that ſat with the *States of Holland*, but the *Court of Great Britain* that was ſo deeply ingaged in it; or elſe the Duke of *York* and other Popiſh *Noblemen*, and alſo, the King's Life Guards could never have ſo ſhamefully and ſcandalouſly appear'd to the Reſcue of the moſt vile Incendiaries that ever were in the World.

Fourthly, Obſerve, That whereas the *Biſhop* and the *Arch-Deacon* in their *Hiſtories*, tell us, that there was none but *Robert Hubert*, a *French Hugonot* (as they call him,) that Suffered for firing the City; this was owing to the crafty handling of our then Court-Party, by their Reſcuing the Villains that did it from Juſtice; their Proroguing the *Parliament*, before they could come to give in their Judgment, and by the Murder of Sir *Edmundbury Godfrey*, for his zealous appearing againſt them, and the ſending Sir *Robert Brook* Chairman to the *Committee* to *France*, where he was Drowned: I ſay, theſe Arts and Violences of the Papiſts made the Proteſtants afraid to appear with ſuch Vigour againſt them, as otherwiſe they would have done; yet notwithſtanding,

Fifthly, I doubt not, but my *Readers* will allow, That I have perform'd my Promiſe, by having Soundly prov'd, *That thoſe fire-brands of Hell the Blood-thirſty* Papiſts, *and none but They, were the ſole Authors and Promoters of that Great and Dreadful* Fire of London *in* 1666: And that by the many

many *Affidavits* and *Informations*, that were afterwards given in to the *Committee of the Houſe of Commons*, and Reported by their Chairman Sir *Robert Brook*: And alſo by the unanimous Judgment and perpetual Teſtimony of the whole Magiſtracy of this great City, who were the Eye and Ear Witneſſes of, and many of them Sufferers by it; I ſay, who have unanimouſly born Teſtimony to this great Truth, by ſoon after erecting that Famous *Monument*, near the Place where the Fire began, whereon they cauſed to be Engraven this *Inſcription*, viz.

This Pillar was ſet up in perpetual Remembrance of the dreadful Burning of this City, begun and carried on by the Treachery and Malice of the Popiſh Faction, *in the Beginning of* September 1666, *for the better carrying on the horrid Plot, for Extirpating the* PROTESTANT RELIGION *and* OLD ENGLISH LIBERTIES:

N. B. This *Inſcription* was Razed out, in the *Popiſh* Reign of King *James*, and Renewed again after the *Revolution*; ſo that I have the Joynt Teſtimony of the Magiſtracy of this Generation, added to that of the Former: And now I Challenge all the *Roman* Catholicks in the World, together with all their Friends and Favourers, by what Names or Titles ſoever they are dignified or diſtinguiſhed; whether they be *Kings*, *Prieſts* or *Prophets*, *Mercenary Tools* or *Popiſh Incendiaries*, by all their Art and Cunning, any ways to evade this Sound and Subſtantial Proof of the Charge upon them.

BUT yet further to Corroborate our Evidence, we will add the *Inſcription*, Curiouſly Engraven on a Stone purpoſely affix'd to the Wall of the Houſe, that now ſtands on that very Spot of Ground, whereon that Houſe ſtood, which was

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firſt ſet on Fire in *Pudding-lane*; which is this, *Verbatim: Here by the Permiſſion of* Heaven, *HELL broke looſe upon this* Proteſtant City, *from the malicious Hearts of Barbarous* PAPISTS, *by the Hand of their Agent* HUBERT, *who Confeſſed, and on the Ruins of this Place declared the Fact*, (for which he was Hang'd) viz. *That he begun that Dreadful Fire which is deſcrib'd & perpetuated on that neighbouring Pillar* (*the* MONUMENT) *Erected* Ann. Dom. 1681, *In the Mayoralty of* Sir Patience Ward *Kt.*

I come now, to ſhew you, That during that Diſmal Fire, they had Fourſcore or upwards, employed as Servants, by the *Holy Society* of *Jeſus* (forſooth,) to carry on the Fire; and that they ſpent 700 Fire-balls in this *Pious Deſign* of deſtroying an *Heretical City*: And while theſe *Fire Merchants* were at work, they had others both Men and Women, as Devoutly employed in Plundering the poor Diſtreſſed Sufferers, from whom they Pillag'd good ſtore of *Hollands*, *Cambricks*, and other fine *Cloth*, beſides *Plate*, and a Box of *Jewels*, which was ſold afterwards in *Flanders* for 3500 Pounds, the whole amounting to 14000 Pounds; theſe Goods were Concealed, part in a Ware-houſe which they had in *Wild-ſtreet*, and part in *Somerſet-houſe*: This was Depos'd upon Oath, by Dr. *Titus Oates*, before Sir *Edmundbury Godfrey*, and the whole being a very large Account, Publiſhed by Order of the *Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament Aſſembled*; which I refer you to it, I come now,

Sixthly, To ſhew you, That it was theſe ſame *Fire-brands of* HELL, the *Blood-thirſty* PAPISTS, who were the Authors of that great Fire in *Southwark*, *May* the 26*th* 1676; and that they Devoutly ſtole at that Fire, to the Value of 2000 Pounds

worth of Goods from the poor diſtreſſed Sufferers; This firing of *Southwark*, was often attempted, at other Times, as well as that of *London*, but did not ſucceed till the aforeſaid 26*th* of *May*, but then they fatally Accompliſhed their wicked Deſign, by firſt ſetting fire to the Houſe of Mr. *Welch* an *Oyl-man*, ſituate near St *Margaret's-Hill*, it broke out about Four of the Clock in the Morning, and was carried on with that Art and Violence, that it Conſumed about 500 Dwelling Houſes, and many ſtately Inns, the Meal-Market, the Priſon of the *Compter*, *&c.* The whole Loſs was modeſtly computed to be near 100, 000 Pounds, the Manner of contriving this Fire, was Confeſs'd by one *John Groves*, afterwards Executed, who was cheifly concern'd therein, and did on the 10*th* of *Auguſt* declare, That having prepared their Fire-works, he with three *Iriſhmen* procured by Dr. *Fogarthy*, to be his Aſſiſtants, went over and did the Buſineſs; the ſaid *Groves* bragg'd, that he himſelf ſet Fire to the Shop, Alſo, the ſaid *Groves* further Declared: *That for this Service, the* Holy Society of Jeſuites, (Richard Strainge *then* Provincial) *gave them* 1000 *Pounds*; Viz. 400 *Pounds to* Grove, *and* 200 *Pounds a piece to the Three* Iriſhmen, and yet they got conſiderably by the Bargain; for *Groves* affirmed, *That they got at leaſt* 2000 *Pounds by that Fire*: For while the Fire Raged, they had their Inſtruments at work, to plunder Houſes and ſteal what Goods they could, and convey them to their Ware-houſe in *Wild-ſtreet*, *Somerſet-houſe*, &c.

Finally, This one Thing alone would fill a large Volume, to give an Account of all the Attempts, that have been made by this *Holy Society of* JESUITES, to deſtroy the Cities and Suburbs of *London*, *Weſtminſter*, and the *Borough of Southwark* by Fire,

Fire, and to Ruin the Inhabitants, in thoſe *Popiſh Times* of the Reign of K. *Charles* the Second, and K. *James* the Second, as hath been made appear upon Oath by many Witneſſes, and by their own Confeſſions.

Seventhly, I come to lay before you, the Rules and Inſtructions they give their *Agents*, how to Begin and Carry on any Fire in the moſt Deſtructive Manner: As,

Firſt, By Fire-balls put into Houſes with long Poles, *&c.*

Secondly, By Hard-Fire-balls, thrown in thro' Glaſs Windows.

Thirdly, By throwing the ſaid Balls, or other Combuſtible Matter fir'd into Cellars, through the Bars or Grates.

Fourthly, By hiring Cellars in dangerous Places, filling them with Combuſtibles, and then firing them.

Fifthly, By Firing Hay-Lofts.

Sixthly, By Strangers making feigned Errands into Houſes, and then leaving their Fire-works behind them.

Seventhly, By Untiling Houſes, or breaking Windows, *&c.* and there putting in their Combuſtibles.

Eighthly, By getting into empty Houſes, and ſetting them on Fire.

Ninthly, By creeping into Back-yards, and firing Stacks of Bavins, Reeds, *&c.*

Tenthly, By going into Victualling-houſes, and leaving behind them Trains for firing.

Eleventhly, By Confederate Servants, *&c.*

And that thoſe Fires may be the more Deſtructive when begun, their Inſtructions *are*;

Firſt, To do it in ſelect Places, amongſt old Buildings, and where Engines cannot play.

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Secondly, To fire the *Water-houſes*, and get the *New-River-Water* ſtopt if they can, near that place.

Thirdly, To have ſome of their chief Friends thereabouts, that they may miſadviſe great Perſons, to blow up Houſes, where it is not Neceſſary, or where it may do Harm, by opening a Paſſage to the Fire.

Fourthly, To have ſome of their active Inſtruments at Hand, who under pretence of helping, may ſcatter Fire-balls in adjoyning Houſes, and break down the Windows, Roofs, *&c.* to let in the Fire more eaſily.

Fifthly, To have others attending, that ſhall cry out againſt the *French* and *Papiſts*, and mightily pity the poor Sufferers; thereby getting to be intruſted with removing of Goods, and ſo get an Opportunity to plunder and ſteal, or if they find an Opportunity to fire Houſes at a Diſtance.

Sixthly, Curiouſly to obſerve both Wind and Tide in all Attempts; as likewiſe, Froſts and very Dry Times; and piouſly to chuſe *Sundays* for doing the Buſineſs, becauſe then there is the leaſt Water, *&c.* And now,

Seventhly, I here preſent you with the PAPISTS Bloody OATH of SECRESY, which they take when they are about to undertake any Deſperate Attempt,

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghoſt, *Amen.*

I *A. B.* Being in the Preſence of *Almighty God*, the *Bleſſed Mary* ever *Virgin*, the *Bleſſed Michael* the *Arch-Angel*, the *Bleſſed* St. *John Baptiſt*, the Holy Apoſtles St. *Peter* and St. *Paul*, and all the Saints in Heaven, and to you my *Ghoſtly Father*; do Declare, and in my Heart believe, the POPE *Chriſt's*

Chriſt's VICAR General to be the True and only Head of *Chriſt's Church* here on Earth: And that by Virtue of the *Keys* of *Binding* and *Looſing* given his *Holineſs* by our *Saviour Chriſt*, he hath Power to Depoſe *Heretical Kings* and *Princes*, and cauſe them to be Killed; Therefore to the utmoſt of my Power, I will defend this Doctrine, and his *Holineſs's Rights*, againſt all *Uſurpers* whatſoever; Eſpecially, againſt the now *Pretended King of England*, in Regard, that he hath broke his *Vows* with his *Holineſs's Agents* beyond the Seas, and not performed his *Promiſes*, in bringing into *England* the *Holy Roman Catholick Religion*; I do Renounce and Diſown any *Allegiance* as due to the ſaid *Pretended King of England*, or Obedience to any of his *Inferior Officers* and *Magiſtrates*; but do believe the PROTESTANT RELIGION to be *Heretical* and *Damnable*, and that all are *Damn'd* that do not forſake the ſame; and to the beſt of my Power will help his *Holineſs's Agents* here in *England*, to Extirpate and Root out the ſaid PROTESTANT DOCTRINE, and to deſtroy the ſaid *Pretended King of England*, and all ſuch of his Subjects as will not Adhere to the *Holy See of Rome*, and the *Religion* there Profeſs'd: I further do Promiſe and Declare, That I will keep Secret and Private, and not Divulge, Directly nor Indirectly, by Word, Writing, or Circumſtance, whatever ſhall be Propos'd, given in Charge or Diſcovered to me, by You my *Ghoſtly Father*, or any other, Engag'd in the Promoting of this *holy & pious Deſign*; and that I will be Active and not Deſiſt from the carrying of it on; and, That no Hopes of Rewards, Threats nor Puniſhments, ſhall make me Diſcover the Reſt concerned in ſo *Pious a Work*; and if Diſcovered, ſhall never Confeſs any Acceſſaries with my ſelf concern'd

cern'd in this Deſign, all which I do Swear by the *Bleſſed Trinity*, and by the *Bleſſed Sacrament*, which I do now purpoſe to Receive, to Perform and on my Part to keep Inviolable; and do call all the *Saints* and *Angels* in *Heaven*, to Witneſs my real Intention to keep this Oath, In Teſtimony whereof, I do Receive this moſt Holy and Bleſſed *Sacrament of the Euchariſt*, (and at theſe Words, the Prieſt puts the *Sacrament* into the Perſon's Mouth) Repeating a ſhort *Latin Prayer*, &c.

AND here, I deſire my *Readers* to obſerve, That K. *Charles* the Second, did make *Vows* and *Promiſes*, to the *Pope* and his *Agents* beyond Sea, to bring in the *Roman Catholick Religion* into *England*; as doth appear by this Oath, taken by one Engaged in a Plot againſt his Perſon.

Secondly, That they believe the PROTESTANT RELIGION to be *Heretical* and *Damnable*, and that all are *Damned* that do not forſake it; and that it is the *Great Thing* they have at Heart, to Extirpate and Root out the ſame, by Deſtroying all thoſe that will not Renounce it.

Ninthly, I come now, To give you a brief *Account* of the Manner of the Murther of Sir *Edmundbury Godfrey*, that worthy Proteſtant Magiſtrate of this City.

THIS Work of Darkneſs, as well as others of their Bloody or otherwiſe Deſtructive Deſigns, was ſome conſiderable Time in Hand, before they could effect it;

But of a *Sunday* after they bad been at Prayers at the Popiſh *Chappel*, they went directly from the *Chappel*, to the *Plough Ale-houſe* to drink, where they concluded to Dog or Watch Sir *Edmund-*

mundbury the next Week, and that whoever of them could firſt ſee him in a convenient Place, ſhould give the Reſt Notice; (The Conſpirators who did it, were) *Robert Green* Cuſhion-man to the *Queen's Chappel*, *Gerald* and *Kelly* two *Iriſh* Prieſts, *Lawrence Hill* Servant to Dr. *Goddin* Treaſurer of the Chappel, and *Miles Prance* a Goldſmith, (who alſo diſcover'd it) Purſuant to their former Reſolve, on *Saturday October* 12 1678, in the Morning, *Gerald*, *Green* and *Hill*, went forth to obſerve his Motions, and *Kelly* the other Prieſt who lodged in *Somerſet-houſe*, and knew of their going, went about Nine of the Clock to *Prance*'s Houſe to acquaint him therewith, and charge him to be at Home in a Readineſs; *Hill* went to Sir *Edmundbury*'s Houſe on a feigned Buſineſs, and ſo came to know that he was at Home: Then they waited for him till about 10 or 11 of the Clock, he came forth of his Houſe all alone; for being a Plain Stout Gentleman, he ſeldom went attended with any Servant, which they knew, thus having gotten the Scent of their Prey, they Dogg'd him till about Nine a Clock at Night, at which time he came out of a Houſe in St. *Clement*'s, then preſently *Hill* who watch'd him, run away before, to give Notice to his Accomplices that he was coming; and *they agreed* that in order to wheedle him in, *Kelly* and *Berry* ſhould begin a ſeeming Quarrel, which they did, but without much Noiſe, and Sir *Edmundbury* coming along the *Strand*, juſt as he was paſſing by the *Water-gate*, (Hill *who well knew* Sir *Edmundbury*, as having traded with him for *Coles*) ſteps up to him in great haſte, and ſays; *for God's ſake* Sir, *be pleaſed to come in, for here are two Men quarrelling, and I am afraid there will be Blood ſhed betwen them:* Puh, Puh, ſaid Sir *Edmundbury*, refuſing at firſt to meddle, but *Hill* ſtill crying out,

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Now follows, The damnable lying *Account* which they drew up in Writing, and gave to their *Emiſſaries* to Report, thereby to ſave the Credit of HOLY CHURCH; *Viz.*

"THat Sir *Edmundbury Godfrey* was a Gentle-
" man, who had often attempted to deſtroy
" himſelf, and that he did really Hang himſelf in
" his own ſilk Girdle, in his Chamber, at the Bed's
" Feet, which being Diſcovered, two of his Ser-
" vants acquainted his Brother with it; who co-
" ming thither, contriv'd his taking down, and
" the carrying him to the Place where he was
" found, where they run his Corps through, on
" purpoſe to lay it on the Papiſts; thereby to
" ſave the Eſtate to themſelves from being for-
" feited to the King; and that the two Servants
" had fifty Pounds a-piece given them to keep
" it private; and alſo that one of them a Maid-
" Servant, did offer to diſcover this Contrivance
" to the King and Counſel, but ſhe was rejected.

Now let my *Readers* judge, whether theſe Popiſh Prieſts are not the moſt Horrible and Notorious Villains, that ever appeared in the World, for all manner of Helliſh Contrivances; which leads me to the

Tenth and *Laſt* Thing I promis'd, which is, briefly to relate ſeveral other of their Barbarous Cruelties, and other Tragical Villanies.

AND *Firſt*, It was neither by the Councils of the States of *Holland*, nor by the *French Hugonots*, nor by the *Engliſh Fanaticks*; but by the

the Blood-thirſty *Papiſts*, and none but they, that the lovely City of *Leſna*, one the moſt Ancient and Flouriſhing in great *Poland*, was in the Year 1655, wholly laid in Aſhes, both City and Suburbs, and of the poor Diſtreſſed Inhabitants, many fled to ſave their Lives, many others were Barbarouſly Maſſacred, by thoſe Savage Monſters in the Shape of Men; and the Aged, Sick, Lame, Lying-in Women and little Infants were Conſumed to Aſhes, together with the Houſes wherein they lay: So that it came to be ſaid of Lovely LESNA, ----------

Where faireſt *Leſna* ſtood of Old,
Now, nought but Aſhes we Behold.

SECONDLY, It was neither the Councils of the States of *Holland*, nor the *French Hugonots*, nor the *Engliſh Fanaticks*, But the Blood-thirſty *Papiſts* and none but they; who procur'd the Intended *Spaniſh Invaſion*, in 1588, with the curſed Deſign, to have utterly deſtroyed our Fore-fathers by all kind of cruel Torments, and wholly to have Extirpated the PROTESTANT RELIGION; This *Invincible Armado*, (as the *Pope* ſtiled it) Conſiſted of 130 Tall Ships, extraordinary well furniſh'd, and containing, 57808 Tonns, wherein were 8600 Seamen, 20000 Soldiers, 2000 Galley Slaves, beſides Gentlemen and Volunteers in Abundance; and they had on Board 2630 Great Ordinance, with Powder, Match, Muskets, Bullets, Spears, Pikes, Swords, *&c.* Beſides, Knives, Daggers, Skeins, Chains, Whips, *&c.* to Torment and Cut the Throats of poor *Engliſh Proteſtants*: They had alſo with them, Swarms of thoſe Locuſts; call'd, *Jeſuites*, *Capuchins*, *Mendicants*, and other Orders of Popiſh Prieſts, beſides all this; there lay in *Flan-*

ders 50000 old Soldiers, and 288 Veſſels ready to Tranſport them over: But the Mercy and Goodneſs of God to us, broke all their Meaſures and Deſtroyed them before us.

THIRDLY, It was neither the Councils of the States of *Holland*, nor the French *Hugonots*, nor the Engliſh *Fanaticks*; But, it was the Blood-thirſty POPISH PRIESTS, *Viz*; *Cateſby*, *Piercy*, *Faux*, *Digby*, *Garnet*, *Hill*, and the reſt of the Black Guard of the Prince of Darkneſs; That Contrived that Helliſh *Gun-Powder Plot*, on *November* the *5th* 1605, who having undermin'd the Parliament-Houſe, and laid 36 Barrels of Gun-Powder; Intended, by firing the ſame when both Houſes were Sitting, to have blown up, and ſo in one Moment to have Deſtroyed, the King, the Prince, and both Houſes of Parliament; and by Conſequence our King, Prince, and all our Biſhops, Nobility, and Flower of our Gentry would all have fallen a Sacrifice to the Enraged Luſts of the Bloody-minded PAPISTS: And it was ſo near being done, that the Train was laid before it was Diſcovered; which was ſuch an Horrid Piece of Villany, as was never heard of before, in any Nation under Heaven.

FOURTHLY, It was neither by the Councils of the States of *Holland*, nor the French *Hugonots*, nor the Engliſh *Fanaticks*; But, it was the Blood-thirſty PAPISTS, and none but they, who contriv'd and committed that horrid Maſſacre in *Paris*, *Auguſt* 24, 1572.

THIS was begun on a Sabbath Day: Early in the Morning on that Day, and the two Next, they Maſſacred above 10000 Proteſtants, both Men, Women and Children, many of which were Noble-

Noblemen and Ladies; beſides above 4000 Houſes Robb'd and Plunder'd, (ſo that you ſee they are for Thieving ſtill) there were at this Time, 60000 Men in Arms, with Piſtols, Poyniards, Knives, and ſuch other bloody Inſtruments of Death; who ran up and down ſwearing and blaſpheming of the ſacred Name of *God*, and Maſſacreing all they met.

THIS Diſmal Tragedy did not ſtop at *Paris*, but was Acted throughout the *Kingdom*, by all Sorts of barbarous and cruel Murders, Torments, Plunderings, and Rapes, in ſome Places, they tyed Fathers and Husbands to the Bed Poſts, and Raviſh'd their Daughters and Wives upon the Beds before their Eyes: It was obſervable, that uſually at the Head of theſe Infernal Dragoons, there marched a Squadron of *Biſhops* and *Prieſts*, to ſee that the Soldiers acted their full Vengeance upon the *Proteſtants*.

FIFTHLY, It was not the Councils of the States of *Holland*, nor the French *Hugonots*, nor the Engliſh *Fanaticks*; But, it was the Bloodthirſty PAPISTS, and none but they who contriv'd and committed, That moſt bloody Maſſacre, In *Ireland*, in 1641.

WHERE They Inhumanly Murther'd near 300,000 Proteſtants, Men, Women and Children, by all manner of moſt barbarous Cruelties; they hung up the Women with Child, and then ript them up, and caſt their Infants to the Dogs and Swine to be Devoured by them: In one Place they ſet a Caſtle on Fire wherein where many Proteſtants, and whilſt they were burning, the *Papiſts* rejoycingly ſaid to one another; *Oh! how ſweetly do they Fry:* In ſome Places the barbarous Villains cauſed the Children to carry their aged Parents

Parents to the River and Drown them; ſome Wives were forced to help hang their own Husbands: In one Town they caus'd a young Man to murther his own Father, and then they hanged him up; in another Place they forced a Woman to kill her Husband, and then forced her Son to kill his Mother, and then immediately they hanged the Son; that ſo they might if poſſible deſtroy both Soul and Body together.

BUT it is very well worth noting, That here, as well as at all other Places, the PAPISTS old Trade of Thieving and Plundering the Poor Diſtreſſed Proteſtants was Diligently follow'd; only with this Difference; That there were a great many Gentlemen Thieves.

FOR when this horrid *Rebellion* firſt began, ſeveral *Iriſh Gentlemen* pretended great Kindneſs to their Proteſtant Neighbours, and perſwaded them to put their Goods and Cattle into their Hands, Engaging, that they would ſecure them; which they did, but it was for themſelves: Obſerving the old POPISH MAXIM, *That there is no* Faith *to be kept with* Hereticks.

N. B. This old Game of Thieving and Plundering their honeſt Neighbours, is what thoſe *Eldeſt Br thren in Iniquity* the preſent *Jacobites* would gladly be at; and very likely all the other *Villanies* too.

SIXTHLY and Laſtly, It was not the Councils of the States of *Holland*, nor the French *Hugonots*, nor the Engliſh *Fanaticks*; But the Bloodthirſty PAPISTS, and none but they, who erected the Spaniſh *Inquiſition*, to Rack and Devoutly Murther the Proteſtants, and Piouſly to rob and Plunder them of all their Goods and Eſtates, and all

all theſe Thefts, Robberies, and Inhuman Murders, Religiouſly carryed on for the Service of the holy *Roman Catholick* CHURCH; whoſe *Religion* wholly conſiſts in Idolatry, Blaſphemy, Treaſons, private Murthers, Maſſacres, Deſtroying of Kingdoms and Cities, Rapes, Perjury, Lying, Theft, Robberies, *&c.* from which *Church* and all its Deviliſh Prieſt-Craft; and from all its Deviliſh Prieſt Cruelty too;

Good Lord deliver us.

AND now *Courteous Reader*, I having hitherto entertained you with ſo many Tragical Accounts of the PAPISTS bloody Cruelties *&c.* againſt the Proteſtants, at all Times and Places, which muſt needs ſenſibly affect any tender hearted Chriſtian: I will now for thy Diverſion Cloſe all, with a Comical Account of their Spiteful Manner of Curſing a Proteſtant, (or HERETICK as they term us) out of the CHURCH, with BELL, BOOK and CANDLE, *Viz*;

BY the Authority of *God* the *Father Almighty*, and the Bleſſed Virgin *Mary*, of St. *Peter* and St. *Paul*, and of the Holy Saints; We Excommunicate. We utterly Curſe and Ban, Commit and Deliver to the *DEVIL* of *HELL*; Him or Her, whatſoever He or She be, That have in Spite of *God* and St. *Peter*, whoſe Church this is, in Spite of all Holy Saints, and in Spite of our moſt Holy Father the *POPE*, God's *VICAR* here on Earth, and in Spite of our Reverend Father in *God*, *JOHN* our *Dioceſſian*, and the Worſhipful *CANONS &c.* which ſerve *God* Daily in this *CHURCH*, Fixed up ſuch Curſed and Heretical Bills full of Blaſphemy, *upon this and other CHURCH Doors*, Excommunicated plainly be He or She, and deliver'd over to the *DEVIL*; as perpetual Malefactors and Schiſmaticks, Accurſed let them be, and given over Body and Soul to the *DEVIL*; Curſed be they, in Cities and in Towns, in Fields, in Ways, in Paths, in Houſes, out of Houſes, and in all other Places, Standing, Lying or Riſing, Walking, Running, Waking, Sleeping, Eating, Drinking, and whatſoever Thing they do beſides: We Separate Him, or Her from the Threſhold, and from all Good Prayers of the *CHURCH*, and from the Participation of the Holy *MASS*, from all Sacraments, Chappels and Altars,

Altars, from Holy Bread and Holy Water; from all the Merits of *God*'s Priests and Religious Men, and from all their Cloisters, from all Pardons, Priviledges, Grants, and Immunities, which all the Holy Fathers Popes of *ROME* have granted to them; And we give them over utterly to the Power of the Fiend, and let us Quench their Souls if they be Dead, this Night, in the Pains of Hell Fire, as this Candle is Quenched and Put out, (and threwith he puts out one of the Candles:) And let us Pray God if they be alive, that their Eyes may be put out, as this Candle-light is: (and therewith he puts out another Candle) And let us Pray to *God*, *Our Lady*, St. *Peter* and St. *Paul*, and all Holy Saints, that all the Senses of their Bodies may fail them, and that they may have no Feeling, as now the Light of this Candle is gone; (and therewith he puts out another Candle) Except, they come now, and openly Confess their Blasphemy, and by Repentance, as much as in them lyes, make Satisfaction to *God*, *Our Lady*, St. *Peter*, and St. *Paul*, and the Worshipful Company of this *CHURCH*; and as the Staff of this Holy CROSS now falls down, so may they, except they Repent; and then the *Crosier-Staff* falls down.

N. B. This Dreadful Curse was Pronounc'd against one *Thomas Benit* Martyr, for affixing up Bills against the *Church-Doors*, with these Words; *The* Pope *is* Antichrist, *and we ought to Worship* GOD, *and not the* Saints.

FINIS.